have been released during 2007-08 to various organizations in the State of Goa under National Environment Awareness Campaign (NEAC) and Seminar/SymposiaAVorkshop programme respectively.

Kaziranga National Park

3266. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

the total number of poaching cases detected in Kaziranga Sanctuary this year so far;

the total budget allotted for the operation of this sanctuary and also for all the forest parks/sanctuaries with details for each; and

the steps being taken by Government to prevent poaching and protect wildlife in the sanctuary?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EN VIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) As per the information received from the State Government, four cases of poaching have been detected in Kaziranga National Park in 2008.

(b) Government of India provides financial and technical assistance to State/UT Governments for conservation and protection of wildlife in the national parks and sanctuaries under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes *viz.-" Assistance for Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries", "Project Tiger"and "Project Elephant".* The funds released during 2007-08 under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes are at the Statement *(see* below).

During 2007-08, an amount of Rs. 36.60 lakhs were released for Kaziranga National Park, under the Scheme — *"Assistance for Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries."*

(c) The steps taken by Government of India to protect wildlife and prevent poaching in the sanctuary, *inter alia,* include the following:

The Central Government has enacted the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 to deal with the issues of wildlife conservation including wildlife crime. Stringent penalties are imposed on the offenders for the contravention of the provisions of the Act.

Wildlife crime Control Bureau, with a network of five Regional and three Sub-Regional Offices, has been set up to control wildlife crime.

Financial support is being provided under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes *viz.-Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries, Protect Tiger and Project Elephant* to State/UT Governments for the conservation and protection of wildlife and its habitats in the sanctuary.

Intensive patrolling in sensitive protected areas is carried out in coordination with other law enforcement agencies.

Nature awareness campaigns for the public are conducted regularly.

Statement

Details of the funds released during 2007-08 *under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes*

Sl.N. Name of the State/UTs	Dev. of NPs/WLS	Name of the Schemes Project Elephant	Project Tiger
1. A&NIslands	82.86	—	—
2. Andhra Pradesh	168.06	60.00	73.92
3. Arunachal Pradesh	125.05	54.50	110.25
4. Assam	81.78	144.00	95.61
5. Bihar	4.00	—	98.32
6. Chandigarh	—	—.	—
7. Chhattisgarh	379.20	83.77	35.23
8. Dadra & Nagar Haveli	11.78	—	—
9. Goa	31.59	—	—
10. Gujarat	332.08	—	—
11. Haryana	70.03	—	—
12. Himachal Pradesh	233.32	—	—
13. Jammu & Kashmir	221.54	—	—
14. Jharkhand	98.13	132.17	45.16
IS. Karnataka	630.64	212.65	1159.71
16. Kerala	493.574	147.70	153.24
17. Madhya Pradesh	800.92	—	2975.94
18. Maharashtra	331.33	56.86	295.72
19. Manipur	105.89	—	—
20. Meghalaya	64.88	68.39	—
21. Mizoram	169.46	1.33	82.90
22. Nagaland	19.11	26.60	—
23. Orissa	357.08	148.50	43.28
24. Punjab	—	—	—
25. Rajasthan	347.24	—	410.68
26. Sikkim	159.22	—	—
27. Tamil Nadu	274.64	124.98	45.50
28. Tripura	36.00	12.00	—
29. Uttar Pradesh	332.36	55.33	134.89
30. Uttaranchal	76.67	126.46	202.005
31. West Bengal	356.22	185.73	308.67
32. Delhi	—	—	—
33. Daman & Diu	4.721	—	_____
TOTAL:	6399.36	1640.963	6270.94